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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants agree with the Office's conclusion regarding patentability, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the reason set forth in the Notice of Allowability. In particular, the Applicants submit that the claims are allowable because the prior art fails to anticipate, teach, suggest, or render obvious the subject matter as claimed, independent of how the claims are paraphrased.

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